

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the first paragraph below the title
insert the headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention relates to an apparatus for filling and removing containers for sorted mail ~~according to the pre-characterizing clause of claim 1.~~--

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Cancel the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, as follows:

~~--This object is achieved according to the invention by the features set forth in claim 1.~~--

Cancel the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, as follows:

~~--Advantageous embodiments of the invention are set forth in the sub-claims.~~

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, insert the following new paragraph:

--The support mechanism 4 has a flat floor 11 with a minimum coefficient of friction.--